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Mr. C. C. Peabody, Clerk
City of Ontario 21.5

5/11/53

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Reply: No Date

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "In reply to the above, there is nothing to report as far as our City Council is concerned. However, I believe the Board of Directors of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce recently passed a resolution on this subject."

Mr. ^{111, 8} T. H. Elijah, Clerk
City of Orange 141, 9

5/11/43
9/23/43

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Reply: 10/8/43

Action: None

Comment: "...from the expressions of the various councilmen at that time, it seems that the consensus of opinion was, that any expression by the City Council on this subject, would merely be the opinion of five citizens of the community, whereas, the public expression as made by practically all of the Civic Organizations and Service Clubs of the City would be a better criterion of the opinions of the general public in this vicinity."

Over

Note dated Nov. 1, 1943, signed by 17 persons,
as follows:

"We, the undersigned, understand that you have written to the Orange City council concerning the sentiment of this locality regarding the return of the Japanese to this coast.

"As a group of christian citizens we desire to express the belief that loyal Japanese citizens should be given the privilege of returning to their homes, business and friends after the conflict is over and that as American citizens they should be allowed the same privileges as other citizens."

Mr. Gus E. Franke, Clerk
City of Orland

5/11/43
9/23/43

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Reply: 11/8/43

Action: None

Comment: None

15.7
Mr. R. E. Hocking, Clerk
City of Oroville 50.4

5/11/43

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Reply: 5/27/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "Our Police Department, however, did cooperate with Federal Officers in enforcing the proclamations and restrictions regarding the movements of the Japanese that were put into effect by General DeWitt.

I was not the City Clerk at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor, having been appointed to this position in March 1943, so I would not be able to report on the sentiment expressed by the City Council at that time. I believe I would be safe in saying that their feelings were the same as the majority of Americans, Indignation, at over

such an unwarranted attack when representatives of the Japanese Government were in Washington for interviews and additional time to work out some way of preserving peace between the two Nations.

Also, I believe, I would be expressing the opinion of our City Council in saying that the Federal Government should dictate the measures to be taken to control the movements of the Japanese. Our City Council, of course, would cooperate in helping them to enforce any measures that they might deem necessary for the safety of our Country."

Reply: By M. G. - 5/27/43 - Thank You

Mr. Frank B. Pettis, Clerk

5/11/43

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City of Oxnard 96.4

284.2
Reply: 5/14/43

Action(Previous to Evacuation): None

Comment: "No Resolutions, Ordinances, Restrictions or
Public demonstrations: *"

41.6
Mr. Elgin C. Hurlbet, Clerk
City of Pacific Grove 307.7

5/11/43
9/23/43

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Reply: Undated

Action: None

Comment: "The City Council has left the handling of the Japanese question to the State and Federal governments. There were only four Japanese families in this City prior to evacuation."

Mr. Robert W. Peterson, Clerk
City of Palm Springs 52.3

5/11/43
9/23/43
2/8/44

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Reply:

Action: None

Comment; None

139.8
Miss Winifred Kidd, Clerk
City of Palo Alto 231.4

5/11/43

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Reply: 5/14/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "This subject has not been discussed by the
City Council at any time."

Mr. Seymore F. Bergstrom, Clerk
City of Palos Verdes Estates 132.3

308.9

5/11/43
9/23/43

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Reply: 9/29/43

Action: ~~Proy. to Evacuation~~: Resolution
dated July, 1943, "oppose the return
of any Japanese or person of Japanese
descent to the Pacific Coast States
during the present emergency...urge
that control of all relocation centers
be immediately and fully transferred to
the Army of the United States

Comment: None

Mr. D. J. Herring
Clerk, City of Parlier 253.5

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5/11/43
9/23/43

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Reply: 9/24/43

Action: None

Comment: "This matter seems to us as a matter to be judged by the Nation as a whole, not local."

80.0
Miss Bessie Chamberlain
Clerk, City of Pasadena 132.3

5/11/43

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Reply: 5/18/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "Pasadena passed no resolutions or restrictions at the time of evacuation - the whole matter seemed taken care of by the military regulations."

Mr. S. S. Tucker, Clerk
City of Paso Robles 278.2

5/12/43

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9/23/43

2/8/44

Reply:

Action: None

Comment: The City of Paso Robles has never had to contend with Japanese residents in the past and the Council have taken no action as they have never been approached on the subject as a body where their attitude can be commented on.

24.1
Mr. T. J. Moe, Clerk
City of Patterson 49.3

5/12/43
9/23/43

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Reply: Undated

Action: None

Comment: None

137.5
Mrs. Gladys R. Wallin, Clerk
City of Petaluma 109.8

5/12/43

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Reply: 5/17/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "--the City of Petaluma has taken no action with regard to the evacuation of the Japanese from California, because it felt that this matter was being very adequately handled by General J. L. DeWitt."

64.1
Mr. Charles E. Coleman, Clerk
City of Perris 52.3

5/12/43
9/23/43

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Reply: 9/25/43

Action: None

Comment: None

Mr. W. C. Little
Clerk, City of Piedmont 100.7
77.5

5/12/43
9/23/43

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Reply: 10/11/43

Action: None

Comment: "...the city of Piedmont, a chartered city, is entirely surrounded by the City of Oakland, and for that reason the City withheld any action in the premises."

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Mr. Frank R. Taormina, Clerk
City of Pittsburg 82.5

5/12/43

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Reply: 5/25/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "-- we here in Pittsburg were fortunate enough not to have had any resident Japanese.

To my knowledge we had only two known Japanese domestic workers, therefore, we had no problems which might have necessitated the passing of any resolution or ordinance restricting Japanese in the City of Pittsburg.

However, your letter was read to our City Council, and they unanimously expressed themselves as to not wanting to have anything to do with Japanese in Pittsburg.

Miss Nellie M. Cline, Clerk

5/12/43

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City of Placentia 141.9

22.7

Reply: 6/9/43

Action: None

(NOTE: On June 1, 1943, the City Council passed a resolution opposing any move to have the Japanese, either foreign or American born, returned to their homes in the Pacific Coast area; asking the Japanese now stationed in Re-Location centers be placed under the jurisdiction of the Army; asking that immediate steps be taken to place all Japanese farm machinery in the hands of farmers in need thereof; that no Japanese, whether born in Japan or America should be permitted to live or reside on the Pacific Coast after peace has been declared; and that after peace has been declared that those of the Japanese race, whether
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American born or otherwise, be eithte sent back to Japan
or removed to locations in the middle Western states.)

Comment: "Kindly use all your influence to enact the
necessary legislation to enforce this Resolution."

Reply: By M.G. --6/12 --(Reply "B")

Mr. ^{9.8} Harold W. Duden, Clerk
City of Placerville 2.3

5/13/43
9/23/43

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Reply: 9/28/43

Prev. to Evacuation -
Action: Resolution dated 5/5/42 "opposing the establishment of any Japanese camps within the County of El Dorado and also that the City Council go on record as opposing the granting of permission by military authorities ~~on~~ ~~request~~ ~~as~~ for any Japanese, whether foreign born or American born to reside in the County of El Dorado during the present national emergency."

Comment: None

Mr. Ernest W. Schween, Clerk

5/13/43

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City of Pleasanton 100.7

212.3

Reply: 5/21/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "I feel sure the Councilmen have felt that anything they might cause to be done would not be of serious import, since we did not have any local problems brought about by Japanese residents. The history of this community for a long period of time has not been concerned with many large numbers of Japanese.

Many, many years ago, a large Japanese camp was maintained near Pleasanton but that was prior to 1912. For a fifteen (15) year period thereafter, we had only two Japanese families in the entire community. Between the
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years 1934 and 1941 we had a few more, otherwise, the Japanese did not see fit to inhabit this community."

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Mr. W. H. Smith, Clerk
City of Point Arena 19.0

5/13/43

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Reply: 7/7/43

Action: None

Comment: "We have no Japanese or have not had and there has been no action by the Board in regard to them. Your letter was read to the Board at the meeting on last evening and while there was no resolution passed it was the unanimous opinion of the Board that they should not be permitted to return to California."

16.8
Mr. H. A. Leigh, Clerk
City of Pomona 132.3

5/13/43
9/23/43
2/8/44

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Reply recd. 2/22/44

Action: None

Comment: The attitude of the City Council is definitely against bringing the West Coast Japanese back to this area. Need asbestos paper for their comments.

10.3

Mr. Frank H. Pratt, Clerk
City of Porterville 169.1

5/13/43

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Reply: 5/24/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "However, for your information I might state that the Porterville community was some twenty years ahead of the times on the Japanese question. In the early part of 1920, signs were erected on the principal streets or roads entering Porterville with the following wording, 'Porterville is a white mans town. No Japs allowed. Porterville Post No. Twenty, American Legion.'

About 1929, in response to outside pressure brought to bear, these signs were removed but they have always correctly gauged the feelings of the people of this community
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and there has never been any Japanese in Porterville. The sentiment which inspired the erection of the anti-Japanese signs has not changed with the years. The people of this community still believe that this should be kept a "white mand town" and that no good has come to any community or to our State or Nation by reason of any attitude of appeasement towards the Japanese. The re-location centers have served a very valuable purpose and we were fortunate that this plan was adopted with such celerity."

Reply: By M. G. -- 5/31/43

43.6
Mrs. Enville C. Spaulding, Clerk
City of Red Bluff 26.5

5/13/43
9/23/43

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Reply: 9/29/43

Action: None

Comment: "No formal action has been taken by the City Council of this City in regard to the West Coast Japanese situation. However, I call your attention to the bill sponsored and presented by our former Senator Clair Engle, which was adopted at the last session of the Legislature, relative to this question. The sentiment of the people of this community

is heartily in accord with the above mentioned bill. Members of the Council have expressed themselves as being in favor of entirely excluding the Japanese from this State, and of sending Japanese nationals back to their native land and that they be forever excluded not only from this State but from the entire United States.

○ Mr. H. L. Griffin, Jr., Clerk
City of Hedding .7

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9/23/43

Reply: Undated

Action: None

Comment: None

Mr. C. P. Hook, Clerk
City of Redlands 21.5

24,4

5/13/43
9/23/43

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Reply: Undated

Action: None

Comment: None

308.9

Mr. C. C. Mangold, Clerk
City of Redondo Beach 1323

5/13/43

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Reply: 6/4/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "--however, we have been advised that the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce has adopted a resolution in regard to this matter and we have referred your letter to them."

(NOTE: Letter 6/7/43 recd. from Lillian Engstrom, Sec.-Manager of the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce, enclosing Resl. opposing the return of the Japanese to Pacific Coast Areas) also (M.G. reply 6/10/43 pointing out our job is historical, and not active in promoting action.)

Mr. C. W. Eltringham, Clerk

5/13/43

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City of Redwood City 109.0

148,2

Reply: 5/20/43 (By R. S. Dodge, Clerk)

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: None

104.5
Miss Estalla Berhard, Clerk
City of Rialto 21.5

5/13/43

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Reply: No Date

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "- we followed the orders of the Federal
Government."

Mr. A. C. Faris, Clerk

5/13/43 8

City of Richmond 8215

36.8

Reply: 5/15/43

Action(Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "Have been governed by Army regulations."

Mr. H. Valente, Clerk
City of Rio Vista 184.5
440.2

5/13/43
9/23/43
2/8/44

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Reply:

Action: None

Comment: We endorse the Resolution adopted by
the Board of Supervisors of Solano County.

33.4

Mr. Garold C. Staley
Clerk, City of Riverbank 49.3

5/13/43
9/23/43
2/8/44

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Reply: Undated (2/10/44)

Action: None

Comment: Desire to restrict residence

63.4

Mr. G. Albert Mills, Clerk
City of Riverside 52.3

5/13/43

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Reply: 5/24/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): (See File for petitions of
loyalty of local Japanese residents and replies by City
Council. Also, Res. II passed by Council 4/20/43)

Comment: None

Reply: By M. G. - Thank You.

Miss Elma Kokila, Clerk

5/14/43

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City of Rocklin 58 2-4

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Reply: 6/7/43 (By Mrs. Elma Kikila)

Action: None

Comment: "--we had no Japanese living within our city limits.

Immediately outside the city limits many fruit farms were being operated by Japanese and only a few of their children attended school here, so there was no reason for restrictions of any kind. The County of Placer handled the evacuation of the Japanese."

171.5

Mr. R. W. Terry, Clerk
City of Roseville 582.4

5/14/43

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Reply: 5/22/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "The Japanese problem within the City of Roseville has not been of sufficient importance for the City Council to take any measures for restriction or control. There were only two families registered, who owned grocery stores. They voluntarily sold out and left the area."

19.3

Mr. William Rattray, Clerk
City of Ross 28.4

5/17/43
9/23/43

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Reply: Undated

Action: None

Comment: ... "nor has the Council expressed
any opinion in reference to evacuation or
resettlement."

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Mr. H. G. Denton, Clerk

5/17/43

City of Sacramento 397.1

Reply: 5/24/43 (Second letter rcd. 6/2/43; See NOTE)

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "In reply to yours of May 17, 1943, will state the City Council has not expressed itself officially with reference to Japanese evacuation and resettlement, being the Council's rigid policy in the past to refrain from committing that body on political, racial or religious questions."

(NOTE: In 6/2/43 letter a copy of Res. #207 adopted by the City Council on 5/28/43 was enclosed, as follows: over

Oppose return of any Japanese from concentration camps to their former locations, and endorse the orders made by Gen. John L. DeWitt that all Japanese be confined in concentration camps, and that they be not returned to any Pacific Coast State.

446.1
Mr. F. E. Heple, Clerk
City of Salinas 307.7

5/17/43

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Reply: 5/22/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "The Council of Salinas has taken no action in ^{this} regard, even though Salinas had a large Japanese population. The Salinas Chamber of Commerce is taking an interest in the subject and has this week sent out questionnaires to all members asking their views with respect to treatment of Japanese.

I, therefore, refer you to Mr. Fred McCargar, Secretary of the Salinas Chamber of Commerce, Main Street, Salinas, who will be glad to advise you of the answers received."

1913
Mr. F.D. Burrows

5/14/43

Clerk, City of San Anselmo 28.4

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Reply: No Date - (By Ray M. Overdick, Clerk)

Action: None

Comment: "I do not believe I could be of service in giving you any data as to the personal opinions of the members of the City Council on the above question. I would imagine they would be in accord with the idea of very close regulations in the future."

16.1
Mr. John H. Osborn
Clerk, City of San Bernardino 21.5

5/14/43
9/23/43
2/8/44

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Reply recd. 2/10/44

Action: ~~None~~ See below

Comment: Council has not discussed this subject in a regular meeting.

Res. 2/11/42 - Alien & citizen to be
evac. from combat zone. (d. D.
files)

Mr. Ralph E. Woodman, Clerk
City of San Bruno 109,0

5/17/43

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Reply: 5/19/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "However, the unofficial attitude toward Japanese has been the same as all good native Californians have toward the Japanese problem, ie; that all Japanese be barred from residence in this State. We Californians of pioneer families have long recognized the menace to the national welfare of the Japanese settlement in this state and with few exceptions desire the permanent evacuation of Japanese from the continental United States.

While it may appear that my personal opinion has colored the above statements, I believe a careful survey of old residents will reflect the same attitude." over

Reply: By M. G. - 5/24/43 -- Thank you.

220.8

Miss Lillian A. Lynch, Clerk
City of San Carlos 109.0

5/17/43

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Reply: 5/28/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "The City Council has not passed any resolution or ordinances regarding the Japanese. However, the consensus of sentiment of the City Council as expressed last night at the meeting, is definitely anti-Japanese without exception or reservation as to American born. The City Council further expressed itself in favor of the evacuation of the Japanese from the west coast after the attack on Pearl Harbor and feel that all Japanese should be kept out of this area and deported from the United States if possible.

Mr. William Holmes, Clerk
City of San Clemente 141.9

5/17/43

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333.1
Reply: 6/18/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

(After Evac., Res. #358 passed 6/16/43, opposing relocation or re-settlement or return of Japanese whether American born or not to California or the West Coast for the duration of the war or afterward.)

Comment: None

Reply by M.G. - 6/28/43--Letter "B"

40.7

Mr. Fred W. Sick
Clerk, City of San Diego 71.7

5/17/43

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Reply: 5/21/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None ^{Pre} (See NOTE below:

Comment: " --so far as we know, no studies have been made on the subject."

(NOTE: Rod. second letter - 6/11/43- from San Diego enclosing Resolution 78313 adopted by the City Council on June 8, expressing opposition to return of any Japanese to this area while fighting the present war against Japan.)

Pre Action - I.D. Card says on 1/27 res. by City Council to remove enemy aliens

90.2
Mr. I. A. Swartout, Clerk
City of San Fernando 132.3

5/17/43

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Reply: 6/10/43

Action: None

Comment: "The sentiment at that time was very much opposed to the Japanese being at large and because of incidents that have happened since the continued danger of attack supported by immediate agents the sentiment against permitting Japanese, whether foreign born or American born, to remain at large anywhere and particularly in the coastal areas is far stronger than it was before. In this community a number of groups have been contacted and they are all opposed to any of the Japanese being turned loose for the duration."

83.2
Mr. David A. Barry, Clerk
City of San Francisco 83.2

5/17/43
9/23/43

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Reply: Undated

Prev. to Evacuation -

Action: Resolution passed April 9, 1942,
re publication of Japanese newspapers
in San Francisco

Resolution passed July 7, 1943, "in
favor of continued internment of all
Japanese irrespective of place of
birth and nominal American citizenship"

Comment: None

77.2
Mr. Carl E. Greundler, Clerk
City of San Gabriel 132.3

5/17/43

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Reply: 5/26/43

Action: None (See below)

Comment: "--in discussing the matter, at a recent City Council meeting, the members of the City Council were unanimously in favor of their recommendation that the Japanese should be prohibited from again settling in this region either during or after the War."

Action - done? 43, opposing return.
(San Gabriel Sun)

Mr. Frank Niles, Clerk

City of Sanger 424.3 253.5

5/17/43

9/23/43

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Reply:

Action: None

Comment: Sanger City Council decided no action should be taken in heat of passion. That they should wait until a definite settlement of affairs should be made.

101.9
Mr. George Grover, Clerk
City of San Jacinto 52.3

5/17/43

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Reply: No Date

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "The council seems satisfied with the present
Status Quo so far as I can find out!"

27.4
Mr. G.H. Berry, Clerk
City of San Joaquin 253.5

5/24/43
5/23/43

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Reply: 9/25/43

Action: None

Comment: "We have never had any residents of Japanese ancestry, therefore we did not feel it necessary to pass any resolutions or city ordinances of restrictions as you have suggested. I feel that I can assure you should such occasion arise that this community would go on record to deport all Japanese from this area."

Mr. John J. Lynch, Clerk
City of San Jose 231.4

5/18/43

9/23/43

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185.8

Reply: 9/27/43

Action: Resolution passed on June 14, 1943,
"opposing the return of Japanese to
the Pacific Coast for the duration
of the present war."

Comment: None

Mrs. Myra D. Phillip, Clerk

City of San Juan 461.7

1,459.4

5/18/43

9/23/43

2/8/44

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Reply:

Action: None

Comment: As City officials there has been no expression of opinion that would indicate their attitude.

15011
Mr. E.F. Hutchings, Clerk
City of San Leandro 100.7

5/18/43

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Reply: 5/20/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "In my contacts with individuals, social groups, and service clubs, I find a very definite resentment against the Japanese being brought back to California, especially so, since the public has been informed of what happened to the Air Crews that bombed Tokio.

In conversation with one of the Delegates to the State Junior Chamber of Commerce Convention, recently held at Pasadena, he informs me that it was the unofficial sentiment of all the delegates that the "japs should not be brought back to California."

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Reply: By M. G. -- Thank you - 5/24/43

96.0
Mr. J.E. Brown, Clerk
City of San Luis Obispo

278. v

5/18/43
9/23/43
2/8/44

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Reply: Recd. 2/16/44

Action: None

Comment: No discussing action or discussing
has been taken by the Council

7712
Mr. E. R. Kerr, Clerk

City of San Marino 132.3

5/18/43

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Reply: 6/14/43

Action: None

Comment: "Reply to your letter was delayed until after the regular meeting of the City Council held June 9, 1943, when it was expected the Japanese matter would be discussed. It was discussed but no action was taken."

220.8
Mr. Belton Rhodes, Clerk
City of San Mateo 109.0

5/18/43
9/23/43

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Reply: 9/27/43

Action: None

Comment: None

Mr. Eugene W. Smith, Clerk
City of San Rafael 28.4
19.3

5/18/43
9/24/43

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Reply: Undated

Action: None

Comment: None

8.1
Miss Erma Keeler, Clerk
City of Santa Ana 141.9

5/18/43

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Reply: 6/9/43

Action(Prev. to Evac.): None

(NOTE: City Council passed a resolution on June 7, '43 to the effect that they strongly oppose any move to have the Japanese returned to their homes on the Pacific Coast, and that the Japanese now stationed in Japanese Re-location Centers be placed under the jurisdiction of the Army.)

Comment: "Discussions were had by the former City Council, whose term expires April 20th, 1943, but no official record was made regarding the Japanese Evacuation and Resettlement"

68.9
Miss Faye Canfield, clerk
City of Santa Barbara 310.0

5/18/43
9/24/43

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Reply:

Action: Resolution dated 6/10/43 "that in the interest of the people and the successful prosecution of the War, the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara vigorously and earnestly protest the return of the Japanese to the Pacific Coast for the duration of the war."

Comment: None

Mr. A. J. Cronin, Clerk
City of Santa Clara 231.4

5/18/43
9/24/43

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264.1

Reply: 9/27/43

Action: Resolution dated July 6, 1943
"go on record as being opposed to
the return of any Japanese to the
Coastal Area for the duration."

Comment: None

78.0
Mr. S.A. Evans, Clerk
City of Santa Cruz 286.7

5/18/43

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Reply: No Date

Action: None

Comment: None

470.0
Mrs. Flora A. Rivers, Clerk
City of Santa Maria 310.0

5/18/43

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Reply: 5/21/43

Action (^Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "--the general sentiment in this community seems to be that the Japanese should not be returned to the Coast."

Mr. ^{73.6}Ralph A. Krueger, Clerk
Santa Monica 132.3

5/18/43

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Reply: 5/27/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None - Post see below

Comment: "--the City Council of the City of Santa Monica has passed no resolutions, ordinances or restrictions in regard to the California Japanese, but in regular meeting on May 26th, the Council went on record, by motion entered in the Minutes of the Meeting, as opposing now or at any time, the return of California or any other Japanese to the Pacific Coast."

Action - June '43 - oppose return to P. Coast
(Pas Cit. 6/10/43)

Mr. M.G. Demarest, Clerk
City of Santa Paula 96.4
101.8

5/18/43

9/24/43

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Reply: 10/5/43

Action: None

Comment: None

Miss ⁸⁵³ Agnes S. Farquar
Clerk, City of Santa Rosa 109.8

5/18/43

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Reply: 5/25/43 - (By J. A. Tedford, City Manager)

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: " -- no action of any nature was taken by our City Council. However, we were sympathetic with the evacuation movement."

516.7
Mrs. Ollie B. Padrick, Clerk
City of Seal Beach 141.9

5/18/43

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Reply: No Date

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "No official action has been taken by the Seal Beach City Council on the Japanese question. To my knowledge the subject has never been discussed."

Mr. Joel T. Gray, Clerk

5/18/43

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City of Selma 253.5

470.9

Reply: No Date

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "The City Council has not passed any legislation or resolutions pertaining to Japanese matters, and I believe there has been none discussed."

Mr. Frank G. Shaw, Clerk
City of Shafter 55.9

5/18/43

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Reply: 5/25/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

(NOTE: At a regular meeting of the Council, 5/24/43, the Council unanimously voted that it go on record as being opposed to the return of any Japanese to the Shafter area or any vital area.)

Comment: None

Mr. ^{82, 8}Waverly E. Pratt, Clerk
City of Sierra Madre 132, 3

5/18/43
9/24/43
2/8/44

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Reply:

Action: Motion passed at a regular meeting of July 13, 1943: A Resolution was read from the City of South Gate, opposing the return of any Japanese to the Pacific Coast Area.

Comment: None

232.7

Mr. H.M. Chapman, Clerk
City of Signal Hill 132.3

5/24/43

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Reply: 6/23/43 (By Heber M. Chapman, City Clerk)

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

(After Evac, Res. passed by City Council 6/21/43 expressing approval of the order of Gen. DeWitt excluding Japanese from the Ninth Corps Area, and registering the opposition of the Council to the release of any Japanese to again re-enter the Ninth Corps Area during the present emergency.)

Comment: None

Reply: By M. G. - 7/27/43 -- Letter "A"

Mr. Frank P. Francioni, Clerk
City of Soledad 30717

5/24/43

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Sec.

Reply: (From Soledad Chamber of Commerce, /Arch B. Balsley
our letter being turned over to them for reply.)

Action: (By Chamber--^{Revs. in February} urging denial of citizenship rights
to citizens of Japan or any of their descendents, and
urging return to Japan after war, all Japanese, and all land
now owned by such Japanese be returned to other than
Japanese residents of the U.S.)

Comment: None

^{24.1}
Miss Elsie A. Bean, Clerk
City of Sonoma 109.8

5/24/43

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Reply: No Date

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "We have no ordinances or other restrictions in regard to the Japanese situation but the sentiment of the city council and citizens generally is strongly Anti-Japanese."

Mr. Ernest Bacigalupi, Clerk
City of Sonora

5/24/43

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Reply: 6/9/43

Action: None

Comment: "We did not have any Japanese in our City or in Tuolumne County for at least twenty years until after Pearl Harbor, when one family of Japanese moved into the County, but stayed only a very short time."

14.1
Mr. Herbert C. Peiffer, Clerk
City of South Gate 13 2, 3

5/24/43

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Reply: 6/2/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "The City Council of South Gate has taken no official action relative to the Japanese matter, however we have contacted many persons on this subject since receiving your letter and without exception all answers have been opposed to a resettlement of this area by Japanese now in evacuation centers.

For your information we might state that the entire City of South Gate except for one very small area has race restrictions on the property deeds reading as follows:

"That no part of said premises shall ever at any time
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be sole, conveyed, leased or rented to any persons not of the Caucasian race."

(NOTE: Letter 6/8/43 rcd. from Herb Peiffer, Sec. to Kiwanis Club of South Gate-Walnut Park, stating:

"It was moved by Barnett, seconded by Bowles and carried that the Board of Directors of the Kiwanis Club of South Gate-Walnut Park go on record as being opposed to the Japs being released to enter the coastal war zone during the war emergency and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the City of South Gate."

80.0
Miss Nettie A. Hewitt, Clerk
City of South Pasadena 132.3

5/24/43

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Reply: No Date.

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "Can't recall the subject ever came up in
Council meeting."

Mr. Dan McSweeney, Clerk
City of South San Francisco 109.0

5/24/43

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Reply: No Date

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "There are no Japanese here. The complexion of the council is two Italians, one American born Italian and two Americans. All are loyal and of the best type in the community, of about 10,000 people.

Without consulting the council personally I would say all are against the return of any Japanese of any kind, married to white, single or married to their own, native born or native Japs. The sentiment of the public here is deadly against them, and they might be in danger if permitted to enter.

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After what they did, and are doing, no one would ever trust them again. We feel they are too close to us now, wherever they are isolated, and that they should be deported after they are crushed to earth."

Mr. E. R. Palmer, Clerk
City of St. Helena 18,9

5/24/43

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Reply: 6/17/43

Action: None

Comment: "--we do not have any Japanese in our section
therefore our City Council has never taken any action
on any measures concerning these California Japanese."

526.0
Miss Bessie Lee Trahern, Clerk
City of Stockton 334.1

5/25/43
9/24/43

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Reply: Undated

Action: Resolution dated June 21, 1943,
"voices its opposition to the return
of the Japanese to the State of California,
for the reason that the return of
Japanese would be detrimental to the
best interest and general welfare of
the State of California and the United
States in general."

Comment: None

Mr. J.W. Kinloch, Clerk
City of Suisun City 184.5

5/25/43
9/24/43

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439.6

Reply: 10/4/43

no date

Action: (Prev. to Evac.): None

"The City Council of the City of Suisun City has gone on record, as approving unanimously, the exclusion of all Japanese from the Pacific Coast Area."

"At the present time the Council is still in favor of keeping the Japs out of California."

Miss Ida Trubschenck, Clerk

City of Sunnyvale 231,4

224.0

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9/24/43

Reply: 10/5/43 from Jos.A.Bonacina, Asst.City
Atty.

Action: None

Comment: "The City of Sunnyvale adopted no
legislation whatsoever concerning Japanese,
either for or against them, and none is con-
templated."

Mr. ⁰ John Harrison, Clerk
City of Susanville 0

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Reply:

Action: None

Comment: ...has never had any Japanese and it doesn't want any. The attitude of the local community leaders I think would be to bar them from the State.

Miss Minnie Provis, Clerk
City of Sutter Creek 2.2

5/25/43
9/24/43

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Reply: 9/29/43

Action: None

Comment: "...there have been no Japanese located here at any time that we know of."

Mr. Dale Huey, Clerk
City of Taft 55.9

5/25/43

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Reply: 5/28/43

Action (Prev. to Evac.): None

Comment: "There is at this time in this locality considerable dissension in this regard. Several of the civic minded clubs have recently gone on record as opposing the release of those Japanese now within camps."

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Mr. M. E. Hisken, Clerk
City of Tehama 26.5

5/29/43

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Reply: No Date

Action: None

Comment: "I have taken up your letter as above with the City Council and their opinion is, they do not want any more to do with the Japanese. Their sentiment is against tolerating the Japs any more. They have not passed any restrictions or ordinances contrary to the Japanese since Pearl Harbor attack."

308.9
Mr. A. H. Bartlett, Clerk
City of Torrance 13213

5/29/43

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Reply: 6/4/43

Action: None

(NOTE: On April 21, 1943, the City Council passed a resolution asking Gen. DeWitt to reconsider, and, if possible, rescind the action taken by him in relaxing the restrictions of persons of Japanese ancestry that are on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces to travel in the restricted areas. The City of Torrance prior to Pearl Harbor ranked as tenth in Japanese population in the U.S.)

Comment: "The City Council of the City of Torrance is in hearty accord with the views expressed in this resolution over

ion and is unanimous in its opinion that all Japanese, whether American born or not, should be excluded from the Pacific Coast, and furthermore should be evacuated from the United States and its territories."

177.3
Mr. Charles E. DeFreitas, Clerk
City of Tracy 334.1

5/29/43
9/24/43

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Reply: Undated

Action: None

Comment: None

Mrs. Grace Havens, Clerk

5/29/43

City of Trinidad

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Reply: No Date (From Mrs. M. W. Small, Clerk)

Action: None

Comment: "We have passed no resolutions but I know the sentiment of the people at large and the Trinidad Civic Club feel that they should be kept off the coast & in resettlement camps & watched, But they should help themselves as to food."

Mr. C.A. Paulden, Clerk

5/29/43

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City of Tulare 169.1

27.3

Reply: 6/9/43 (By H. W. Perry, Chief of Police)

Action: None

Comment: "We beg to state this Council has taken no action of restriction of the Japanese, I might add we had very few residents of this type in this city."